GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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LOW PHOSPHORUS PIG IRON
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of low sulphur and low phosphorus pig iron and ductile iron, spun and pipe is much less than their demand in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made to increase their production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): As per the feasibility study conducted by M/s MECON and the detailed market analysis carried out by them, the demand availability position for low phosphorous low sulphur pig iron in the country was assessed as under:

(Unit: Tonnes)

Year	Demand	Availability	Gaps
1994-95	232,000	68,000	164,000
2000-01	340,000	74,000	266,000

The gap between the anticipated demand and availability of Ductile Iron and Spun Pipes (DISP) was estimated to be around 1.33 lakh tonnes in the year 2001-02. However, the demand for DISP in the country will depend upon the extent of penetration and substitution of cast iron spun pipe with ductile iron spun pipe.

(c) A low phosphorus low sulphur pig iron plant at Mangalore with an annual capacity of around 2 lakh tonnes has been set up through a joint venture among Kudremukh Iron Ore Company, MECON and MSTC. The plant is due to be commissioned shortly. Setting up of a DISP plant with an annual capacity of around 50,000-70,000 tonnes is also planned to be taken up shortly by this joint venture.